

Country of Origin Labeling 1-7-03  
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Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Sirs:

As a life long cattle rancher it seems to me from things I've read that USDA is trying to make Country of Origin Labeling more complicated than needs be.

Why not patrol the borders of our Country, which they need to be anyway. mark the cattle coming in with a brand, a Tattoo, or an electronic ear tag and monitor them. All ~~the~~ would be of U.S.A Origin. I realize it will take a period of time to phase in this kind of a program, but seems a much better way to approach it than what I've been reading about.

As for dressed meat shipped to the U.S. from other Countries should be marked as such and

from where it came, and make  
packers and retailers or whom ever  
receives that meat to follow  
through and thus keep it marked  
as imported and from where it came.

Sincerely  
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